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SUBJECT: DOD INSTALLATION AND ACTIVITY REDUCTIONS, REALIGN-
MENT AND CLOSURES

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, MISSION HAS CONSULTED WITH MIN-
ISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE ON THE PLANNED WITH-
DRAWAL OF 15TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON FROM AVIANO AIR BASE
AND SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI BY JULY 1975. IN EXPECTATION THAT
IMPACT HERE CAN BE MINIMAL IF TREATED ROUTINELY AND AVOID POS-
SIBLE INTERPRETATION OF A DRAWDOWN IN THE U.S. SECURITY COM-
MITMENT, CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT WORKING LEVELS
OF MFA.

2. NATO OFFICE DIRECTOR SALLEO ACCEPTED DOD RATIONALE AND HIS
SOLE CONCERN WAS RELIEVED BY ASSURANCES THAT THE IMPACT ON
LOCAL EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE MINIMAL AND POSSIBLY NONE (ASSUMING
AVIANO CAN HANDLE REDUCTION LARGELY THROUGH ATTRITION). THOUGH
NOT ABLE TO SEEK ADVICE OF HIS SUPERIORS (INVOLVED IN TRUDEAU
VISIT), HE SUGGESTED NO REPEAT NO LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITH-
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DRAWAL. HE HOPED THAT ANY QUESTIONS POSED BY U.S. PRESS COULD

BE ANSWERED IN SUFFICIENTLY GENERAL FASHION TO AVOID SPECIFYING ITALY AS ONE AREA FROM WHICH THIS CAPABILITY WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. "OTHERWISE WE CAN EXPECT PROBLEMS." CLEARLY, THERE WOULD BE NO LOCAL REACTION TO THE MOVE IF THERE IS NO IMPACT ON LOCAL EMPLOYMENT UNLESS IT IS MADE TO APPEAR EITHER TO CRITICS OF U.S. PRESENCE, OR SUPPORTERS WHO FEAR ITS WEAKENING, AS A REDUCTION IN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN SECURITY.

3. MAAG INFORMED CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL VIGLIONE WHO SEEMED UNEXCITED BY PROSPECT AND AGREED THERE WAS NO NEED FOR A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN VIEW OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE FACILITIES INVOLVED. VOLPE

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